



MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Lowe House Office Building Room 318

Annapolis, Maryland

19 November 2014

Attendees:

Prescott Gaylord – MDGBC

Stephen Gilliss – DGS

Anne Raines- MD

Meg Andrews - MDOT

Christine Varney - MDGBC

David St. Jean- MEA

Anja Caldwell - MDGBC

David Costello – MDE

Lisa Ferretto - MDGBC

Support:

Ellen Robertson - DGS

Joan Cadden – DGS

Tonya Zimmerman – DLS

Lauren Buckler - DGS

Kelly Walker - DGS

Guests:

Chris Parts – AIA MD

Hayley Evans – Gerard E. Evans Ltd.

Stuart Kaplow – SDK, P.A.

- I. Greetings/Introduction – Chairman Prescott Gaylord called the meeting to order. He thanked the attendees for coming out on this odd meeting date (a week earlier than the normal meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday) and in the cold weather.
- II. Stephen Gilliss reported that due to the work on the IgCC and the Annual Report, there were no meeting summaries available to approve.
- III. Chairman Gaylord said that the main reason for this month's meeting is to make final comments on the Council's version of the IgCC and to vote on sending it to the Secretaries for approval and implementation. The final draft has been sent out for review and comment.
 - A. Diana Gutierrez of the USGBCMD had sent comments to Stephen Gilliss concerning the electives for Indoor Air Quality. Stephen read the email she had sent. Her concern is that the use of a minimum of 20 materials having Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) as an elective may be pointless. One of the reasons that LEED V4 has been delayed is due to the inability to obtain EPDs at this time. Diana suggested this would be unobtainable and recommended leaving the elective section for IAQ as written.
 - B. Stephen noted that the Council's version of the code already required 100% of adhesives and sealants, paints and coatings, and flooring (806.2, 806.3, 806.4) to be low/no VOC materials.
 - C. Prescott said that he still expects the industry to go in the direction of the EPDs so keeping it as an elective maintains a leadership direction for this elective. No one voiced any objection to this direction.

- D. Prescott asked for any other comments or discussion. There were none.
- E. Prescott asked for a motion and second to approve the Council's code for final approval by the Secretaries or DBM and DGS. Motion was made and seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the code.
- F. David St. Jean commented that with the 2015 code coming out the Council will likely need to be reviewing it for 2015.

- IV. Prescott talked about the "visioning" session planned for next month. The idea comes from previous Council meetings where the members were hung up on the definition of green building and vision statement included in the Council's green building program. He would like to have a vision for at least the next 10 years for state green buildings. The session will be held on December 18 at the University of Baltimore's LEED Platinum Angelos Law School building. It will be facilitated by Bellina Raffi of Maffik Ltd. The meeting will not be an open public meeting.
- A. Anja asked if the focus will be just on State owned buildings? Prescott responded that yes, it would be.
 - B. Lisa said she would like to think that we could go further into all green buildings.
 - C. Prescott used the analogy of a trim tab on a ship's rudder that uses a small influence to move a larger body. By visioning State buildings we will influence all green buildings.
 - D. Chris Parts asked if this might include other partially state funded buildings. Prescott responded possibly.
- V. Once Around the Table
- A. David St. Jean talked about the MEA Code Compliance grant program. The work will begin in January. Prescott asked if the program will include any plan reviews. David said not at this time but it could be discussed at their December 12 meeting. Prescott said that he has found that contractors don't build to code because jurisdictions don't always perform plans reviews and hold them to the code.
 - B. Christine Varney asked if anyone has had any experience with the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and its Envision™ Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System. Her office has two people certified in it. No one was familiar with it.
 - C. Anja said she was at a doctor's office recently and noticed many people there were waiting to see an asthma specialist. What we are doing is important. The health side of building green and Chapter 8 of the code are important.
 - D. Stephen Gilliss noted that with the passage of the IgCC, the Council will need a committee to update the Green Building Program in early 2015. Since they are most familiar with the IgCC, the committee that worked on it - Lisa Ferretto, David St. Jean, Stephen Gilliss, Christine Varney agreed to help. Martha Shrader had said she would help as well. Prescott said that he would like to work on that committee too.
 - E. David Costello noted sadly that the polar bear census is in and is continuing to show a decline. It's not looking good.
 - F. Joan Cadden thanks everyone on the Council on behalf of Secretary Collins for their work on the IgCC.
 - G. Chris Parts said he hopes that the visioning session will also look toward upgrading existing buildings.
 - H. Lauren Buckler noted that DGS is looking for additional staff for the Council. If anyone knows anyone who would be interested please let them know about it. She hopes to post the position soon.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The date and location of the next official Council meeting will be announced.

The preceding is intended as a summary only of the discussions held on this meeting date. Council members are requested to review the summary and notify the writer of any errors, omissions or unintended misrepresentations of the discussion.